

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): SELF-CENTERING BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT METHOD AND
APPARATUS

By (Inventors): Silvio Shiguetoshi SATTO

9 pages of Specification/Claims 1-9/Abstract are attached.
 Drawings (Figs. 1; 1 sheet) are attached.
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
 An assignment of the invention is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
 An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and _____ reference(s).
 This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.
 A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
 Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____.
 Priority of foreign application No. PI0203693-2 filed September 3, 2002 in Brazil is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
 A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	9 - 20	= 0
INDEP CLAIMS	2 - 3	= 0
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS		

SMALL ENTITY

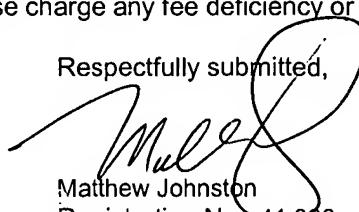
RATE	Fee
	\$ 375
x 9 =	\$
x 42 =	\$
+140 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

LARGE ENTITY

OR	RATE	Fee
OR		\$ 750
OR	x 18	\$ 0
OR	x 84	\$ 0
OR	+280	\$ 0
OR	TOTAL	\$ 750

A check in the amount of \$790.00 (\$750.00 for the filing fee and \$40.00 for the Assignment Recordation Fee) is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0548.

Respectfully submitted,


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